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DECISION ON PETITION

TO MAKE SPECIAL

In re Application of

For:

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Serial No. 10/068,174

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METHOD AND APPARATUS TO

PACK HIGH EFFICIENCY

COLUMNS FOR CHROMATOGRAPHY:

Applicant's petition, filed February 6, 2002, requests that this application be rendered special for examination in that applicant is over sixty-five (65) years of age.

The petition has been reviewed and is found to be in compliance with the requirements for special status as set forth in Section 708.02(IV) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP).

PETITION GRANTED.

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